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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Terence Walden

DETROIT MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARM CHARGES

A Detroit man was sentenced today to 95 months imprisonment for charges related to the possession, sale and distribution of crack cocaine, and the unlawful possession of a firearm, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Terence Walden, 28, of Detroit, was sentenced by United States District Judge Marianne O. Battani.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Valerie J. Goddard, Special Agent In Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Walden pleaded guilty in October 2005 to one count of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of possession with intent to distribute more than five grams of crack cocaine. The offense arose following Walden's arrest on October 6, 2004, by Romulus Police Officers following the execution of a search warrant at his mobile home, located in Belleville, Michigan.

Walden, his wife, and three young children, were found in the home at the time the search was conducted. Recovered from the bedroom of the house was 75.99 grams of marijuana, 33 individual packets of crack cocaine and a loaded Western Field 12 gauge pump shotgun. The loaded shotgun was found under the bed.

At the time of his plea, Walden admitted to possessing the shotgun and the sale of crack cocaine. Walden was prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

“The Project Safe Neighborhoods program focuses on taking serious offenders off the streets in order to reduce drug and gun crimes in our community. This sentence is another example showing that felons who commit these crimes face serious consequences,” stated U.S. Attorney Murphy.

Mr. Murphy commended the ATF for their excellent cooperative effort and investigative work which led to this prosecution. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan E. Gillooly and ATF Special Agent Scott Toth.